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Dear Mr. Baughman:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has reviewed your letter dated October 1, 1993, which responded to our Phase II streamlining proposal for Operable Unit 4, Solar Evaporation Ponds. Your correspondence criticized the appropriateness of our earlier correspondence. We recognize the available time of participants limited the opportunity for discussions on Phase II streamlining prior to the submittal of the dispute resolution. However by our September 17, 1993 letter, DOE desired to reinforce our commitment to creative and aggressive initiatives for streamlining.

We fully support the use of continued dialogue on Phase II streamlining and desire to continue the good work that was begun in July 1993, and is proceeding well for development of the Solar Pond closure Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action. Our earlier correspondence was not intended to circumvent our dialogue, but rather foster that dialogue through identification of approaches which may have good potential for success. We propose that our meetings on streamlining be resumed as soon as practical and continue at least bi-weekly. I believe a target date for agreement could be established near the end of calendar year 1993, but desire your feedback on the target.

I appreciate the enhanced participation of both the Colorado Department of Health and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII in moving forward with substantive work on the Solar Ponds. My goal is to apply this proactive, results-oriented philosophy to remediation of the entire Rocky Flats Plant with increasing involvement from all of our stakeholders. I look forward to our continued team effort in taking on the environmental restoration challenges ahead.

Sincerely,

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